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THE POLITICAL CRISIS.

Unionists Tired of Coalition.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 2

The political tension was accentuated to-day. Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Balfour privately conferred with Sir George Younger and Mr. Malcolm Fraser, the heads of the Unionist organisation, relative to Mr. Lloyd George's communication which formally called on Mr. Chamberlain to take action to check Unionist indiscipline.

Sir George Younger explained that his attitude towards the Coalition was not personal but that it represented the feeling of local Unionist Associations, which insisted on selecting Independent Unionist candidates.

Twenty Coalition Liberal Ministers, including Mr. Churchill, attended the Premier's Savoy dinner last night, which was arranged at twenty-four hours' notice.

Mr. Lloyd George presided at a meeting of the Cabinet in the afternoon.

A meeting of Unionist Peers and Commons to-day unanimously passed a resolution emphasising the urgency of the reassertion of Conservative and Unionist principles in order to restore confidence in the country and with a view to the approaching General Election.

PRINCE'S VISIT TO KASHMIR.

Lama Dance by Torchlight.

Satwari, March 2

The Prince of Wales arrived at Satwari this morning on a short visit to the Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir. The original intention to visit the former city was abandoned in consequence of a small outbreak of plague. The Royal camp was pitched seven miles away, under the shadow of the grand snow-capped Pir Panjal range.

His Royal Highness was met on arrival by Sir Pratap Singh, members of his family, and officers of State. The customary formal visits were paid and returned in full Durbar splendour in the great Shamiana, hung around within a priceless collection of Kashmir staves.

The distribution of sweetmeats to schoolboys and alms to the poor much enhanced the popularity of the Prince's visit.

His Royal Highness played polo in the afternoon and attended a State banquet in the evening, after which he witnessed a very weird and picturesque Lama dance by torchlight, followed by grand illuminations and fireworks.—From Reuter's special correspondent with the Prince's party.

THE EGYPTIAN MINISTRY.

Sarwat Pasha's Hopeful Declaration.

London, March 2

The formation of the Sarwat Pasha Cabinet in Egypt affords evidence of the good effect of the British Government's declaration of policy. Sarwat Pasha has sent a letter to the Sultan declaring that the real intentions of Britain are now clear and that the situation has completely changed. The Cabinet considers that national aspirations will be satisfied by the immediate declaration of independence and the fact that free and friendly negotiations will be held later for the discussion of guarantees.

The Cabinet will draft the Constitution, with a new electoral law providing for the establishment of ministerial responsibility. Sarwat Pasha announces the creation of a Foreign Ministry declares that he assumes full responsibility for the Administration, and calls upon the nation to maintain peace and concord.

THE SEARCH FOR INSURANCE CO. DIRECTOR.

Italian Police Looking for Bevan.

Naples, March 2

The report of the arrest of Bevan, ex-Chairman of the City Equitable Insurance Co., is inaccurate.

Bevan has disappeared since he visited the British Consulate to obtain a visa to his passport. The Vice-Consul confiscated the passport, but omitted to have Bevan shadowed.

The police throughout Italy are actively searching for Bevan whose photograph has been circulated broadcast.

RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES IN THE NEAR EAST.

Both Greeks and Turks Active.

Rome, March 2

A message from Constantinople states that both the Greeks and the Turks in Asia Minor are showing the greatest military activity, evidently with a view to the resumption of hostilities. Turkish reconnaissance in the Nazi district were repulsed. Troops and materials are arriving at Smyrna from Greece.

NAVAL YACHTS TO BE SOLD.

London, March 2

In the House of Commons, Colonel Amery announced that in the interests of economy the Commander-in-Chief's yachts Surprise and Alacrity would be paid off and disposed of as soon as practicable.

WOMEN IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

London, March 2

The House of Lords Committee has decided that Peeresses in their own right are entitled to sit in the Upper House. Twenty-four women are affected by the decision.

RUSSIA'S BIG ARMY.

London, March 2

In the House of Commons during question-time, Mr. Harmsworth said the Government understood that the Russian standing Army on January 1st, totalled 1,200,000.

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE RESIGNS.

London, March 2

Lord Trevelyan has resigned the Lord Chief Justiceship.

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THE STRIKE OUTLOOK.

SHIPOWNERS APPOINT COMMITTEE TO MEET SEAMEN'S DELEGATES.

Fine Response To Government's Appeal To Citizens.

The shipowners met this morning and appointed a special committee to negotiate with the seamen's delegates, the committee being given full powers to secure a settlement of the strike.

The seamen's delegates did not arrive this morning: they are coming down by the afternoon train.

There has been a wonderful response to the police appeal for services of motor-cars and drivers.

The Chinese employed on English and native newspapers are going out to-night.

To-day it has not been possible to advance the position of the strike as it affects the seamen's dispute. As we reported in our later edition yesterday a telegram was received by the Government here, yesterday afternoon, to the effect that four delegates were proceeding to Hongkong with full powers to settle the strike, being accompanied by several members of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. That re-assuring news must have been read with more than a little pleasure by the general public.

In consequence of that telegram a full meeting of Hongkong shipowners was held at 10 o'clock this morning in the City Hall at which Mr. Hallifax was present. The whole situation was discussed in camera and we were officially informed after that a special committee had been appointed to meet the delegates and had also been given full powers to settle the strike. This will enable the delegates and the committee to meet on equal terms. The delegates from Canton will not be arriving here until to-night, as they were not due to leave Canton until this afternoon's train.

Plenty of Transport.

We are informed by the Traffic Department that the response for volunteer helpers in connection with transport has been splendid. Many offers of cars and personal services have been made and in consequence a complete system of patrols has been organised. Throughout the city armed motor patrols there are and also armed motor cyclists. Regarding transport there is plenty to be had by anyone in need of same. Cars and trucks are waiting only to be needed. Hospitals and other big institutions are already being supplied by these means. Other offers of assistance would be gladly received.

Volunteer Enrolments.

In response to the notice published yesterday inviting men willing to render any special service in connection with the strike large numbers of business men turned up at the City Hall this morning between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to enrol themselves. Mr. V. M. Grayburn, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was in charge of the arrangements and Messrs. W. H. Bird, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, R. Hancock, T. Pearce and H. Birkett were acting as clerks and entering particulars. During the first hour there was quite a rush of men, and by the time to close down had come 462 men had enrolled—a response which must be very gratifying to the authorities.

Office Staffs.

The office staffs have not yet struck. From what one hears, they have no grievance and do not wish to stop work, but they are scared. The intimidators are even getting at Government servants now. The comprador staffs in European firms seem inclined to remain at work as long as the Chinese staffs of the banks continue.

Protection on the Peak.

There has been an opinion expressed in some quarters that the Peak district is left rather unprotected during the day when the men folk are away at offices and women and children left fairly much on their own. In consequence of that the Police have been ordered to patrol the Peak district during the day.

Shipping.

Vessels continue to enter and leave the harbour. The Tak Sang arrived yesterday from Shanghai with 1,600 tons of general cargo, the Hawaii Maru from Tacoma, brought a large general cargo, including herrings, flour and steel, and the Asuta Maru from London, brought about 8,000 tons of cargo, comprised of dyes, bar steel plate, etc. The Dunera, Haruna Maru and Van Oloon have cleared for Singapore, the Decra Castle and West Kent for Manila, and the Atlanta Maru, Chum Sang and...

The number of vessels in harbour to-day is 153, making a total of 250,756 tons.

Money From Singapore.

Our Singapore correspondent telegraphed yesterday as follows:

All is quiet here among the Chinese workmen in connection with the Hongkong strike. They are eagerly watching for the result, but there is no known desire to help by direct action. It is believed that large sums of money have been sent to the strikers' union.

Interport Rugby Abandoned.

We are asked to state that the intended visit of the Rugby football team of the Hongkong Football Club to play the Shanghai Rugby Football Club has had to be cancelled owing to the present strike situation.

Sport Affected.

The "boys" belonging to the various sporting Clubs of the Colony have joined in the strike movement, with the result that Club-houses have been closed down. The match between the Chinese Recreation Club and the K.C.C. arranged for to-morrow has in consequence been postponed.

Items.

Two men, one of whom has been in employment at the Waterworks Department, have been detained by the Police on a charge of inciting the Chinese office employees to go on strike. They will appear in due course before the Magistrate. One of the men, we are informed this afternoon, is Tang Shing-chung, a higher grade clerk of the Harbour Office. He is said to be the Vice-President of the Foreign Firms Chinese Clerks' Association.

The painters employed at Taikoo docks have gone on strike, and it is feared that the trouble will spread to other employees in the establishment.

REGARDING OURSELVES.

The Chinese employees of all newspapers in the Colony have intimated to their employers that they intend ceasing work as from to-night. As the whole of the linotype operators, compositors and machine-men are affected by this decision, great difficulty will henceforth be experienced in publishing. It will be our endeavour, with the European staff at our disposal, to produce a sheet giving the outstanding news of each day. There will be no deliveries.

FOR SMALL WARS ONLY.

Lord Horne on the Purpose of the British Army.

The exploits of the First Army on September 27, 1918, in crossing the Canal du Nord were the subject of a lecture at the Royal United Service Institution by Major-General W. H. Anderson, Commandant of the Staff College, Camberley.

General Lord Horne, who presided, after comment on the operation, which was carried out under his command, and praising especially the Canadian Corps, said that in the study of the Great War it was very desirable that they should not lose their sense of perspective. The conditions of the war in France and Belgium were abnormal and unique, and were never likely to occur again. The British Army existed now for small wars, and it was for the small wars that we should train, and for which our armaments and so on should be adapted. Let them go back to the principles of 1914. Let them train the Army for "open warfare" in any part of the world. Let them by all means take advantage of the innovations of science, but what we required for our purposes was the spirit—the spirit of the old army.

CHINESE NEWS.

A Peking telegram states that neither Chang Tso-lin's nor Do Kwan's party has shown any opposition to Pau Kwei-ching acting as Premier.

Another Peking message states that Dr. Wellington Koo has wired stating that he left America for London on the 1st instant.

Wu Chao-Shiu has many interviews with important persons whilst on the way to Fengtien. It is said that he is ascertaining the opinions of others on behalf of Sun Yat-sen before the Northern expedition be actually launched.

NEW SALVATION ARMY IN Peking.

Message from the President of China.

The new Salvation Army Central Hall, memorial to the Army's founder, the late General William Booth, was opened at Peking on the 14th, inst., by Dr. V. W. Yen, the Foreign Minister and Acting Premier of China. Messages from the President of China, Hsu Shih-chang, and from General Bramwell Booth in England were read, and addresses were made by Dr. Yen, Dr. Arthur Smith, and Surgeon General Ch'uan. Among these present were their Excellencies, the American Minister, the British Minister, the French Minister, the Norwegian Minister, Bishop Norris acting as chairman, General Bramwell Booth's message, read from London, says:

"My warmest thanks to all who have helped raising this memorial to my honoured father. God grant that the work carried on in this building may perpetually represent the spirit of service, spirit of love and spirit of sacrifice, which his character and life manifest. May God make your walls salvation and your gates praise."

General William Booth, in his last conversation with his son, and successor, Bramwell Booth, charged to him speedily "unfurl the flag of the Salvation Army in China."

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. The message of the President Hsu Shih-chang, read at the opening, was as follows:

"The purpose of an Army is generally for the protection of a nation, but the establishment of the Salvation Army is for the protecting and saving of every country in every continent, no matter what their race."

"It is founded on religious beliefs which very much resemble the doctrine of Mo Tzu, which is one of Universal Love."

"Since its inauguration by General William Booth, its light has increased day by day, and although it was only extended to our land five years ago, there are as many as sixty Chinese Officers at present in the organization. Its future development is really beyond estimation. It is the same as with everything else in the world, if it does not advance then it must go backwards."

"I expect that the Salvation Army with its sincere sentiments of love to the whole world, will help the ones that are in distress, in their time of need, and be of assistance to those who fail."

"Because I am trusting that the Salvation Army will accomplish this work day by day, and that the day will come when all the nations of the world will have come into unity, I am clearing my vision and waiting for such accomplishments."

THE SHANTUNG RAILWAY DIRECTORATE.

The selection of a Director of the Shantung Railway is now engaging the attention of the Government. General Chin Yun-peng and Mr. Chow Tze-chi appear to be the most likely candidates. General Chin is turning his activities in the direction of capitalist enterprises in Shantung, and it is believed that his claim to the post will be recognized, although Mr. Chow Tze-chi has a strong and influential position in the Government.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Decision has been made concerning the last stages of the interior decoration at the Royal Exchange, and work has begun accordingly. There are eight small bays to be filled with decoration to balance 24 large frescoes, and for some considerable time it was a question what should be done about them. The approved idea is a full-length portrait of some prominent City man in each. The first on the list is to be a portrait of the first Governor of the Bank of England; and a third may be the first postmaster or mayor, or Lord Mayor of London—but this is not finally decided on.

Panama, about to issue a stamp to commemorate its hundred years of freedom from Spanish control, had a visit 419 years ago from Columbus, who was the third adventurer in three years to fly the Spanish flag there. Columbus seems to have been the first explorer to see the possibilities of a canal between the two oceans, but a Portuguese navigator, Antonio Galvao, first published a plan in 1550. The Government threw cold water on the scheme, and so strongly did they deprecate the idea that to seek or make known any new route was punishable by death. Two centuries later the Spanish authorities changed their minds, but that was all the change they ever got out of the canal proposition.

There are streets in London—miles of them (writes a colonial visitor to a Home paper)—where the dwelling-houses are an eyesore and disgrace, held together only by the plaster and the paint. And the plaster is cracked and peeling off, the outside steps are parted from the main building; and "Hugghenden" and "Belvoir" are merely a "ruckle" of old bricks and inferior mortar.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

To-night the World Theatre is screening "Riders of Vengeance" an outdoor story in six parts.—Page 12.

The Benguet Mine is declared to be "the richest gold mine in the Far East."—Page 4.

All members of Hongkong Police Reserve are asked to send their names and addresses to the C.S.P.—Page 4.

A suite of offices are to let in Chater Road.—Page 4.

The Kowloon-Canton Railway issue a revised time-table on Page 4.

All able-bodied men of non-Chinese nationality are invited to offer their services at the City Hall.—Page 4.

At the Kowloon Theatre to-night is showing "In Wrong," featuring Jack Pickford.—Page 12.

The Dairy Farm Company is calling for volunteer helpers, and also tell its customers that goods are now being sold against cash only.—Page 4.

The annual meeting of the British Legion will be held in the City Hall on Tuesday next.—Page 4.

Watsons advise customers that they cannot deliver any goods, owing to a strike of coolies.—Page 4.

Volunteer Orders appear on Page 4.

Emergency Port Regulations regarding the examination of vessels are given on Page 4.

Telegrams received via Eastern will now have to be called for, and certain restrictions have been imposed on despatches.—See Page 4.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4s. 1/2d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer—29.81 Temp.—74° Humidity—91° Lightning—Up. Wind—S.W.

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DRAWING POWER OF "SHERLOCK HOLMES."

Whilst Sir A. Conan Doyle had a crowded audience on his recent visit to Blackburn, a charity concert in the same hall two evenings later had to be abandoned through the meagre attendance.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

London, March 2.

"Citizens Do Your Duty" is the urgent appeal addressed to London's 1,517,000 electors in this morning's editorials in connection with to-day's elections for the London County Council.

Sixteen out of 124 councillors were returned unopposed, namely fifteen Municipal Reformers and one Progressive. There are 251 candidates in the field, comprising 93 Municipal Reformers, 99 Progressives, 97 Labourites and seven Independents. The first-named have had a majority for the past fifteen years.

Special efforts are being made by all parties to induce the women, forming about one half of the electorate, to record a vote. The women candidates number 25. The fight centres on economy, education and municipalisation. The moderates desire drastic economies in schools and elsewhere. The Labourites advocate wholesale municipalisation of means of transit and other industries.

THE YAP TREATY.

Washington, March 2.

The debate on the Yap Treaty degenerated into a farce. The Republican Senator France proposed an amendment extending prohibiting to Yap, the object being to kill time and annoy supporters of the Treaty. The amendment was rejected. A Democratic amendment broadening the existing United States Treaty rights over the mandated islands was rejected by 50 to 23, being only one over the necessary two-thirds majority. The narrow margin caused excitement among the Republicans.

Later.

Sixty-seven voted for ratification of the Yap Treaty, including thirteen Democrats, and twenty-two against including the three Republicans Borah, France and Johnson. Senator Lodge then brought forward the Pacific Treaty.

The Senate has ratified the Yap Treaty without reservations and without amendments.

THE POLITICAL CRISIS AT HOME.

London, March 2.

The feeling in parliamentary lobbies is that a first-class political crisis is hardly avoidable. The fortunes and life of the Coalition Government are at stake, declares Mr. Lloyd George's organ, the Chronicle. The Premier's resignation hangs in the balance.

Apparently Mr. Lloyd George first frankly discussed the matter with Mr. Chamberlain, then put the matter in written form in order that a perfectly clear statement might be submitted to the Conservative leaders. The Chronicle says that the Premier therein declared that the present situation could not continue. He felt it best that he should resign. The Unionist leaders conferred and then met Mr. Lloyd George and told him they were prepared to give him the same measure of support as always. Mr. Balfour pointing out the serious consequences of his resignation nationally and internationally and very earnestly urging him to continue at the head of the Coalition. The Premier replied that if the Coalition was to continue the Conservative leaders in the Government must be the actual leaders of the party. Prominent Unionists then met yesterday. The issue is still in the balance. The Telegraph says that well-informed circles are hopeful that the difficulties will be surmounted. The opinion is widespread, however, that the Coalition in the country itself has gone to pieces and is past mending.

THE IRISH DISAGREEMENT.

London, March 2.

In stormy discussions in the Dail Eireann, Mr. Collins heatedly complained that the De Valeraites were breaking the spirit of the Ardfois agreement and said they might still have to appeal to the people if the agreement were not kept.

Minister for Defence Mulcahy declared that the Provisional Government had no control over the I.R.A., which, however, had arranged to occupy for the Provisional Government all evacuated military and police posts, giving an assurance that the occupying troops would not interfere with the expression of the people's will at the general election, and not turn their arms against any government elected by the people.

Mr. Mulcahy, referring to the forced levies and seizure of private property in South Tipperary, said there had been indiscipline on the part of certain senior officers, resulting in a portion of the forces there not being effectively under Headquarters' control. There was similar indiscipline to a smaller extent in Limerick City. Steps have been taken to right matters.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN TROUBLE.

Johannesburg, March 2.

Two thousand more police have been drafted to the Reef. The northern suburbs were lighted to-night. The volunteer-manned power station is gradually increasing the supply.

THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

Paris, March 2.

Pernotte's request for bail was refused. The magistrate heard the evidence of ten directors of the Banque Industrielle concerning two hundred thousand francs presented to Pernotte in January 1920 by the Board, allegedly at the instance of the President of the Bank himself. Pernotte has appealed to another court.

GERMAN REPARATIONS.

Paris, March 1.

Germany has just paid the fifth instalment of reparations, amounting to thirty-one million gold marks.

CHINESE MINISTER RETURNS.

New York, March 2.

H. E. Wellington Koo, the Chinese Minister to London, who has been attending the Washington Conference, has left for London.

RUSSIAN RELIEF.

The Hague, March 2.

The Chamber has rejected a motion to appropriate one million guilders for Russian relief. The Minister of the Interior stated that the financial position of the country did not warrant the grant, but the Government was ready to encourage private relief efforts.

FRANCO-GREEK INCIDENT.

Athens, March 2.

The s.s. Espoir has been released after her cargo was discharged.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

London, March 2.

It is believed that important decisions were taken in a four days conference of the Viceroy of India with the Governors of Madras and Bombay just ended.

FOOTBALL.

Shield Competition.

H.M.S. Tamar 2: United A.C. 1.

This replay in the Shield Competition took place on Wednesday afternoon on Navy "A" ground, when the Tamar qualified to enter the semi-final.

These teams previously met on the Club ground and played a drawn game of two goals all. The United were without Hopper, his place being taken by Jackson, who played his first game this season. The United played with dash, and took the lead through Payne, who beat Mitch with a long shot. This was the only goal before the interval.

Resuming, Grant took up the centre forward position, but his tactics led up to his being ordered off the field.

Playing with ten men the sailors attacked. Jackson was penalised for fouling in the penalty area and the sailors levelled up through Hudson. Hill put the sailors ahead and they won by two goals to one.

Hongkong Schools' League.

The schools' football season finished on Wednesday afternoon, when two exhibition matches were played at Causeway Bay between St. Joseph's College (Senior and Junior) and teams representing the other schools of the Colony. In the first match the Rest beat St. Joseph's Juniors, by 2-2, and the senior match, which was keenly contested, resulted in a draw, score two all; though on the play St. Joseph's deserved a win.

After the matches, which were played before a large crowd of Hongkong schoolboys, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. Trafford, made a brief speech in which he referred to the great improvement which had taken place in school football during the past few years. St. Joseph's had always been one of the leading school teams, having won the Senior shield no less than eight times; and this season they had established a record by winning all three trophies, Senior, Intermediate and Junior. Two of their teams had gone through the season unbeaten, and their Intermediate team had had no goals registered against them.

In the unavoidable absence of Sir William Brunyate the trophies and medals were presented by the former Secretary of the League.

The proceedings terminated with hearty cheers for St. Joseph's College and for the Hon. Secretary.

The final order in the three divisions of the League was as follows:

Senior (Eight Matches).

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
St. Joseph's	7	1	—	14
St. Paul's	5	3	—	10
St. Stephen's	3	3	2	8
Queen's	3	4	1	7
Diocesan	—	7	1	1

Intermediate (Six Matches).

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
St. Joseph's	6	—	—	12
St. Paul's	4	2	—	8
Queen's	1	5	—	2
St. Stephen's	1	5	—	2

Junior (Eight Matches).

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
St. Joseph's	8	—	—	16
Anglo-Indian	7	1	—	14
St. Paul's	5	3	—	10
Wanai	5	3	—	10
Saiyungun	3	4	1	7
Yaumatei	2	5	1	5
Ellis Kadoret	1	5	2	4
Ying Wa	1	6	1	3
Queen's	1	6	1	3

THE PRAYA MURDER.

Preliminary Hearing
Yesterday.

The accommodation in Mr. R. E. Lunt's Court at the Magistracy was severely taxed yesterday afternoon, when the preliminary trial of Leung Wo, a ship's cook, for the murder of Leung Yuk-tung, commenced. During the hearing two Indian constables were stationed outside the dock on duty, while another stood at the door to prevent more people from crowding in.

The deceased was Manager of Jack A. Tai and Company, ship-chandlers. He was proceeding to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's office in his ricksha sometime after 11 a.m. on the 24th, when he was shot near the junction now being built for the reception of H.M.S. the Prince of Wales, in Causeway Road Central.

Mr. G. H. Wakeman, Crown Solicitor, conducted the prosecution. Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton defended, and Mr. D. J. Lewis watched the case in the interest of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

After the Crown Solicitor had given a brief outline of the case, Dr. A. F. Esler deposed that deceased was already dead when brought to the Government Civil Hospital by Dr. Black about noon on the 24th. Deceased had a bullet wound at the back of his right shoulder. He ordered the body to be removed to the Public Mortuary. He did not examine the body.

Dr. D. J. Valentine, Government Medical Officer, testified to performing a post-mortem examination on deceased at the mortuary on the 24th. The deceased, said the doctor, had a wound at the back of his right shoulder, the bullet entering between the third and fourth ribs, close to the spinal column, passing through the right lung and through the main artery from the heart. The wound was enlarged just behind the breast bone. Witness extracted the bullet and handed it to a Police Sergeant. The cause of death was hemorrhage due to the bullet entering the heart artery.

At Close Range.

Mr. Brutton: Did the bullet pass through any bone?
Dr. Valentine: No. It grazed the side of the spinal column.

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Mr. Brutton: Did you examine the deceased's clothing?

Replying in the affirmative, Dr. Valentine said that there were holes in two jackets, a vest and a Chinese waistcoat, corresponding with the position of the wound.

Mr. Brutton: Were there any damaged or burned marks?—Yes, on the outer jacket.

Can you say from that at what distance the shot was fired?—My opinion is that it must have been very close.

Mr. F. C. Neville, a building overseer in the Public Works Department, produced several plans, showing the scene of the murder.

Mr. H. Green, Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, gave evidence to the effect that at 11.40 on the 24th, he was in a ricksha going eastward in Des Voeux Road Central when he noticed a Chinese in dark clothing run across the road in front of him near the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and dash up Wardley Street towards Queen's Road, followed by a short European who later proved to be Captain David Morgan, of the S.S. Kwangying. The European was 30 or 40 feet behind. He raised up his arm and shouted "Stop him! he has shot a man."

Witness turned his ricksha into Wardley Street and almost instantly jumped out. Mr. Green continued: "I joined in the chase and saw the Chinese run into the arms of a European at the top of the street. The Chinese, who is the defendant, was struggling with the European and when I arrived at the scene I seized defendant's left arm."

Examined by the Magistrate, Mr. Green said that defendant was dressed in dark blue or black clothing and wore no hat. He was taken back to the wooden enclosure in Causeway Road Central where the new Statue Wharf is being built.

An Eye Witness.
Captain Morgan then went into the witness box. He said that at 11.45 he was walking in Causeway Road, Central, near Statue Square, from West to East. He noticed a ricksha going in the same direction about 50 or 60 feet in front of him. "I heard the crack of a shot, saw the ricksha being let down and the coolie bolt round the far end of the hoarding," said the witness. "I saw a man between me and the ricksha, perhaps six or seven feet behind, and a small wisp of smoke rising just in front and above the man's head. I saw the occupant of the ricksha fall out. All this happened in a flash. It was not until I saw the smoke that I was convinced that the crack was from a shot. The man behind the ricksha darted across the road, ran up Wardley Street, through Statue Square, and across Des Voeux Road. I pursued him and was six or seven yards behind when the fugitive reached the north end of Statue Square. He gained on me as I had to negotiate an obstacle near the Bank garden, and I was about 20 yards behind when he was crossing Des Voeux Road. I shouted

"Stop him." When half way up Wardley Street I observed two Europeans at the top of the street. I shouted and noticed the bigger of the two Europeans walk across the street towards the fugitive and extend his hand to grasp him. When I caught up my quarry was sitting on the ground just round the corner of the Bank with people bending over him. Mr. Pereira was holding the man's hands."

Mr. Wakeman: From the time you started the chase until you found him sitting on the ground did you keep him in view all the time?

Captain Morgan: Yes, except the time when he turned into Wardley Street and I was crossing Des Voeux Road.

Examined by the Magistrate, Captain Morgan said he was positive that the man whom he chased was the defendant.

Mr. Brutton reserved his right to cross-examine the witness until the next hearing.

The Capture.

Mr. F. R. Pereira (junior), a clerk in the International Bank, stated that he had just turned into Wardley Street, on his way to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, when he saw the defendant running up towards him, followed by a crowd of Chinese who were shouting "Stop him." "I stood back just round the corner of the Bank and 'biffed' defendant as he was rounding the corner," said Mr. Pereira. The witness said he struck the defendant in the face, knocking him down in Wardley Street. He caught him and a struggle ensued. During the struggle the defendant dragged him into Queen's Road. Mr. V. Ivanovich came to his assistance and subsequently they handed the defendant over to a Chinese constable and two firemen. Ng Sze, a ricksha coolie employed by Jack A. Tai and Company, who was taking the deceased to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire in his ricksha when he was shot, was next put into the witness-box. He proved to be a hopeless witness. Beyond saying that he heard "Bang" when he reached the hoarding, he could tell nothing to the Court relating to the murder.

Mr. Wakeman: Well, what happened?

The witness: I don't know. My master fell on top of me, and I fell also.

What did you do?—I didn't know what I was doing. I walked back to the shop.

Did you see anybody run?—No. Pung Chi, assistant coxswain of No. 1 Fireboat, said that when he heard the report of a firearm and shout of "Save life," he and a stoker of the fireboat ran up the gangway to the praya. He saw a number of men running and saw a man being stopped by a "white man."

In reply to the Magistrate, witness said he could not recognise the defendant.

Mr. Brutton also postponed cross-examining the two Chinese witnesses until the next hearing, which will take place this afternoon.

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THE FLOWER SHOW.

The Prize List.

In connection with the Horticultural Society's show yesterday, the prizes were distributed at 5 o'clock by Lady Stubbs, who was accompanied by His Excellency the Governor. Among those present were noticed Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz (the President of the Society), Hon. Mr. Claud Severn C.M.G. and Mrs. Severn, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Rev. Copley Moyle, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bird, Mr. J. A. Plummer, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. W. H. Russell and Mrs. Russell of Melbourne, Australia, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. L. Gibbs and many others. Introducing Lady Stubbs, Mr. Justice Gompertz spoke of the great strides the show had made during its existence, and its value to the native gardener. Last year the weather was not good and this year everything had been against them. It said a good deal for the perseverance and skill of the exhibitors that such an excellent exhibition was possible. Of course Mr. Nicholson was always to the fore and the old prize winners had also done very well. The President prophesied that in another 20 years they would have a show which none of them could even now imagine. He thanked Mr. Gibbs for his untiring work as Hon. Secretary. Mr. Gibbs was one of the founders of the Club, had filled several official positions, and he really did not know how they would get on without him.

Lady Stubbs was then invited to distribute the prizes, which consisted of all silver trophies, and at the conclusion of the ceremony was presented by the President with a charming bouquet of flowers contained in a silver holder.

Prize List.

Section 1.
Plants in Pots.—Open to all except Peak Gardens and Chinese Market Gardeners.

Class 1.—Marguerites: 1, United Services Recreation Club; 2, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

2.—Nasturtiums: 1, Hongkong Club; 2, U.S.R.C.; Award of Merit, Kowloon Cricket Club.

3.—Salvia: 1, K.C.C.; 2, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard; Award of Merit, Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

4.—Annuals (excluding Nasturtiums): 1, Mr. Ho Kom-tong; 2, Mr. Ho Fook; Award of Merit, Sir Paul Chater.

5.—Annuals (not included in above): 1, Mr. Ho Kom-tong; 2, Lady Ho Tung.

6.—Arums: 1, Mrs. Jordan; 2, U.S.R.C.

7.—Antirrhinum: 1, Mr. Ho Kom-tong; 2, Hongkong Club; Award of Merit, K.C.C.

8.—Begonias: 1, Mr. Ho Kom-tong; 2, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

9.—Double Geraniums: 1, Mr. T. M. Shaw; 2, Sir Paul Chater.

10.—Single Geraniums: 1, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard; 2, Sir Paul Chater.

11.—Ivy-leaved Geraniums: 1, Sir Paul Chater.

12.—Cactus and Peony Dahlias: 1, Mr. Ho Fook; 2, Lady Ho Tung.

13.—Dahlias other than Cactus or Peony: 1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Lady Ho Tung.

14.—Heliotropes: 1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Hongkong Club.

15.—Petunias: 1, Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

16.—Verbena: 1, Mr. Ho Kom-tong; 2, K.C.C.

17.—Linnaria (tall varieties): 1, Mr. Ho Fook.

18.—Clarkia: Award of Merit, Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

19.—Sweet Peas: Award of Merit, Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

20.—Larkspurs: 1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Ladies' Recreation Club.

21.—Freesia, white or lemon coloured: 1, Mrs. Jordan; 2, Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

22.—Phlox Drummondii: 1, Hongkong Club; 2, K.C.C.

23.—Roses: 1, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

24.—Dianthus, excluding Carnation, Picotee and Sweet William: 1, Mrs. Chai; 2, Lady Ho Tung.

25.—Carnations and Picotees: 1, Mr. Ho Kom-tong; 2, Sir Paul Chater; Award of Merit, Mrs. Jordan.

26.—Maiden Hair Ferns: 1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Miss M. Loureiro.

27.—Ferns, excluding Maiden Hair and Asparagus Plumosus: 1, Sir Paul Chater.

28.—Asparagus Plumosus: 1, Mrs. Jordan.

29.—Mignonette: 1, Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

30.—French Marigolds: 1, Mr. Ho Kom-tong; 2, Sir Paul Chater.

31.—Nasturtium (dwarf varieties): 1, Mr. Ho Kom-tong; 2, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

32.—Pansies and Violas: 1, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard; 2, Lady Ho Tung.

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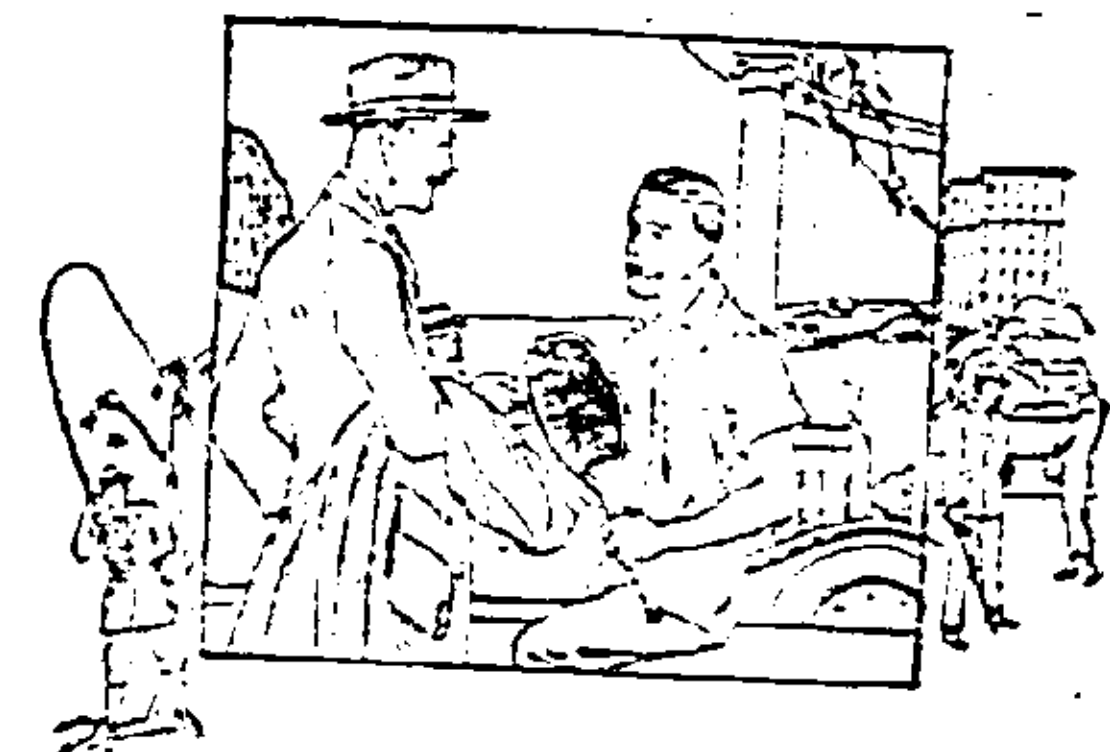
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- 117.—Tomatoes: 1, Mr. J. A. Plummer; 2, Matilda Hospital.
- 118.—Pods of Peas: 1, Mr. C. E. H. Beavis; 2, Mrs. A. Murdoch.
- 119.—Pods of French Beans: No award.
- 120.—Vegetable marrows: 1, Mr. N. L. Watson.
- Section 5.
Cut Flowers, open to all except Peak Gardens and Chinese Market gardeners.
- 121.—Cut Flowers: 1, Mr. R. A. Nicholson; 2, Lady Ho Tung.
- 122.—Sweet Peas: 1, Mr. Ho Kom-tong; 2, Mr. F. P. Eca da Silva.
- 123.—Antirrhinum: 1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Mr. Ho Kom-tong.
- 124.—Red or Pink Roses: 1, Sir Paul Chater.
- 125.—White or Yellow Roses: 1, Hongkong Club.
- 126.—Roses any Colour: 1, Mr. R. A. Nicholson.
- 127.—Carnations and Picotees: 1, Mrs. Jordan; 2, Mr. Ho Kom-tong.
- 128.—Cactus and Peony Dahlias: 1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Ho Fook.
- 129.—Dahlia other than Cactus or Peony: 1, Sir Paul Chater.
- 130.—Mignonette: 1, Mr. Ho Kom-tong.
- 131.—Nasturtium: 1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Mr. R. A. Nicholson.
- 132.—Pansies: 1, Lady Ho Tung; 2, Hongkong Club.
- 133.—Violas: 1, Mrs. Jordan; 2, K.C.C.
- Section 6.
Cut Flowers—Peak Gardens only.
- 134.—Cut Flowers: 1, Mr. T. E. Pearce; 2, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.
- 135.—Sweet Peas: No award.
- 136.—Antirrhinum: 1, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.
- 137.—Red or Pink Roses: 1, Mr. T. E. Pearce.

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GENERAL NEWS

BANDIT OUTRAGE IN YUNNAN.
A message has reached Peking from Yunnan stating that two British missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson-Taylor of the China Inland Mission, were carried off by Fu Hsiao-hung, a bandit leader operating to the north of Yunnan, while travelling from Kuntzing. A later telegram reports that Mrs. Hudson-Taylor was later released and had arrived in Yunnan.

WIRELESS STATIONS IN CHINA.
A telegram received in Peking from Tihua (Sinkiang) announces the arrival of Major S. T. Dockray, Supervising Engineer of the Ministry of Communications, who, after erecting a high power Marconi wireless station at that point, will proceed to Kashgar for similar construction work. The last word received previously from Major Dockray was sent from Kanchoukai (Kansu) on New Year's Day, when he anticipated reaching Tihua on February 20. He arrived there on the 15th, five days ahead of his schedule. The report says that he is well but that his camel caravan, transporting construction material, is long overdue.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hongkong, 24th. February, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "SILVER STATE."

The Consignees of cargo on this steamer are hereby notified that owing to their failure to take delivery of cargo at ship's tackle in accordance with the Bill of Lading stipulations that we shall endeavour to discharge to lighter and land the cargo.

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JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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S. S. "ATSUTA MARU"

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Consignees are therefore recommended to make the necessary arrangements respecting insurance etc. accordingly.
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Hongkong, 1st. March, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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The cargo will be returned to Hongkong immediately conditions have become settled.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. Agents.
Hongkong, 28th. February, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees of cargo for Hongkong per

S.S. "SATSUMA"

are hereby notified that owing to the Strike of Cargo and Wharf coolies, cargo for Hongkong has been discharged at Shanghai and will be held there at consignees' risk and expense, to be forwarded to Hongkong as soon as practicable.

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THE FLOWER SHOW.

(Continued From Page 3.)

133.—White or Yellow Roses: 1, Mr. T. E. Pearce.
139.—Roses any colour: 1, Mr. T. E. Pearce; 2, Mr. L. Yates.
140.—Carnations and Picotees: Award of Merit, Mr. T. E. Pearce.
141.—Cactus and Peony Dahlias: No award.
142.—Dahlias other than Cactus or Peony: No award.
143.—Mignonette: 1, Mr. N. L. Watson; 2, Sir Robert Ho Tung.
144.—Nasturtium: 1, Mr. L. Yates; 2, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin; 3, Mrs. H. W. Bird.
145.—Pansies: 1, Mr. J. A. Plummer; 2, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.
146.—Violets: 1, Mrs. H. W. Bird; 2, Matilda Hospital.

Section 7.

General Exhibits—Open to all.
147.—Ladies' Flower sprays and Gentlemen's Button Holes: No award.
148.—Cut Roses: 1, Mr. R. A. Nicholson; 2, Mr. T. E. Pearce.
149.—Cut Flowers (decorative effect): 1, Mrs. H. W. Bird.
150.—Basket of Cut Flowers for children between the ages of 11 and 15: No award.
151.—Basket of Cut Flowers for children aged 10 years and under: No award.
152.—Table Decoration: 1, Misses Joyce and Betty Ram; 2, Mrs. H. W. Bird.
153.—Display of Cut Flowers grown by exhibitor: Award of Merit, Mr. R. A. Nicholson.
154.—Cyclamen: No award.
155.—Single Daffodils: No award.
156.—Double Daffodils: No award.
157.—Hyacinths: 1, Miss M. Loureiro.
158.—Narcissus (excluding Narcissus tazetta): No award.
159.—Group of Bulbs (excluding Narcissus tazetta): No award.
160.—Annuals: 1, Mr. Ho Kom-tong; 2, Mr. Ho Fook.
161.—Flowering plants: Award of Merit, Mr. N. L. Nicholson.
162.—Annuals and flowering plants of any kind open to Re-

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

A TRIAD SOCIETY.

Singapore, March 2.

Twenty six Chinese were arrested while attending a meeting of a secret society. The Secretary for Chinese Affairs stated that during the past five months there have been a number of serious affairs in the Colony, and owing to information obtained he learned of this meeting. This Triad Society he believed to be a serious menace to the peace of the Colony.

SUN'S EXPEDITION MOVES.

Canton, March 2.

According to latest news from Kweilin, the expedition against the North organised by Dr. Sun Yat-sen is moving to the frontier. The oath of allegiance was administered to the Seventh regiment of Kwongtung troops by President Sun, the Generalissimo, on February 27.

STRAITS VOLUNTEERS.

Singapore, March 2.

The Straits Volunteers now number 1,940. Drills have commenced in earnest.

sidents of Coast and West River Ports: No award.

Challenge Cups.

Pot Plants (Open): Mr. Ho Fook.
Pot Plants (Peak): Mrs. F. C. Hall.
Vegetables (Open): Lady Ho Tung.
Vegetables (Peak): Mr. L. Yates.
Cut Flowers (Open): Mr. Ho Kom-tong.
Cut Flowers (Peak): Mr. T. E. Pearce.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1922.

THE PREMIER'S RETORT.

Mr. Lloyd George, with the mixed political elements which constitute the Coalition, is evidently finding it a difficult and somewhat thankless task to keep his followers in order. He has been forced to complain of language and tactics used by Coalition Conservatives for the purpose of humiliating him as leader of the Government. This is a somewhat new phase of the political situation at home, but it is not altogether unexpected. That there has been a rift in the lute has been apparent for some time, but the differences which have sprung up are now developing into more or less open warfare against the Premier. Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Birkenhead, two of the most prominent Unionist members of the Cabinet, have assured the Prime Minister of the loyalty of the Coalition Unionists, but, notwithstanding this, Sir George Younger, the head of the Unionist Party and himself a Coalitionist, has been making himself obnoxious to Liberal members of the Government and to Mr. Lloyd George in particular. The Prime Minister has now retorted, making it clear that a continuance of this attitude will result in his resignation. Thus has a political sensation of the first order developed.

It should be understood that this is no case of "Independents" criticising the Premier. For long, Mr. Lloyd George has been subject to abuse and criticism both from the Liberal "Wee Frees" and the Unionist "Die-hards." But to that he does not object. Indeed, he could not very well do so, for it is the common lot of public men to be railed at by their confessed opponents. What the Premier resents, and rightly too, is criticism from within, from the men who are pledged to support him. By general consent of the Coalitionists, Mr. Lloyd George is the head of the Government, and as long as he is in that position he has a right to expect support from all who retain their association with the Coalition. If there are men in the Coalition ranks who object to the policy of the Government, they have their remedy near at hand—they can join forces with the "Independents" and seek by constitutional means the overthrow of the administration. But to remain within the Government and at the same time to be indulging in intrigue against its head is neither manly nor honest.

One of the matters which has brought about this campaign against the Prime Minister is the inability of the Government to secure a reduction of the Income Tax. That is a burning question at home just now, for both as ordinary citizens and as businessmen large sections of the public are feeling the burden of this impost, which, in many cases, works out as high as six shillings in the pound sterling. But, as we say, whatever the cause for complaint may be, there is no justification for M.P.'s to seek to stultify the Premier so long as they remain under his leadership. If they have cause for criticism, it is quite open to them to break away and lead a campaign against the Government. Probably the fact of the matter is that many Unionists are tired of the Coalition and the modification of their opinions which subscription to it involves. And on that point it is fairly safe to say that the general body of public opinion is with them. The Coalition has about had its day; if it were not for the personality of Mr. Lloyd George, it would have expired long ere this. The Premier himself, no doubt knows his power in this regard; hence the plain intimation he has given to his fessed friends who aim at discrediting him.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The Four-Power Treaty.

It would be interesting to know the composition of "The All-American National Council" which is seeking to frustrate the Four-Power pact, albeit the cable to hand is sufficiently enlightening as to the individuals who arrogate this sweeping title to themselves. "Hyphenateds,"—Hibernian, Teutonic, or both—it appears, are responsible for this attempt to defeat the Washington Conference, and that they are spending money is attested by a full-page advertisement in the *Washington Post*. There is an element of danger in these agitations; they tend to sway the large proportion of the public whose opinions are not fixed. Yet after all the discussions at Washington people in general should understand the bearings of the treaty by this time, and there is good reason for believing that these unedifying propagandists will meet with a merited rebuff. It might perhaps with greater reason be contended that the treaty does not go far enough. The cable attributes the movement to hatred of England, and it is difficult to discover any better motive. Discreditable also were the tactics of the intransigent Republicans, who, in conjunction with some Democrats, endeavoured to obstruct the Yapp treaty, with the result that the debate degenerated into a farce. This item in the Washington decisions has, however, now been ratified.

Overseas Trade.

A line in the report concerning Budget economies at home is of particular interest to British firms operating outside the United Kingdom. The need of economy is admitted on all hands, and had the recommendations of the Geddes Committee, which appear to fall short of expectation, been adopted in their entirety, it is doubtful whether they would suffice to balance the Estimates. But one of them is open to the most serious objection. It is difficult to understand the Committee's proposal to abolish the Department of Overseas Trade. True, the Federation of British Industries criticised this department in its early days, but the Federation now says that the department has largely come into line with the requirements desiderated. Apart from this, the recommendation is astonishing, for it surely cannot be questioned that we must have an institution to perform the function allotted to the Department of Overseas Trade, so that the cost must be incurred. There is, however, no mention of any alternative department being suggested by the Committee. Do its members, who are understood to be leading business men, mean that overseas trade is to look after itself? As a compromise the Government has decided to retain the Department, but to halve the expenditure. This, at a time when the inadequacy of Britain's commercial intelligence service is being extensively commented upon, savours of chicanery. More, to save a few thousands from a ten-figure Budget by cutting down a service of the first importance is farthing wise, pounds fatuous.

The Amoy Trouble.

After a period of obstinacy the Chinese have surrendered over the Amoy affair, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire having received a cable that the boycott has been completely removed. This may be voted a distinct success for firmness. No serious attempt was made to contravert Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's right to construct a pier, but sundry objections were brought forward to hinder the work, and a band of agitators styling themselves an "association" disseminated a curious screed marked by a series of ill-founded or one-sided allegations. For a while the local Chinese authorities, partly to humour the agitators and partly from inclination, sided with the agitators. The interference with the work of construction necessitated the landing of blue-jackets, and the disgruntled ones resorted to a boycott, which, with the aid of intimidation, speedily spread, although the Chinese merchants are stated to have deprecated the move. Representations were made by H.M. Minister at Peking, for some time without avail. To mark the British Government's displeasure, Sir Beilby Alston was absent from the New Year reception of the Diplomatic Corps by President Hsu. This was not immediately effective, but constituted firmness in the British attitude has produced the desired result.

DAY BY DAY.

IN TAKING REVENGE, A MAN IS BUT EVEN WITH HIS ENEMY; BUT IN PASSING OVER HE IS SUPERIOR—FOR IT IS A PRINCE'S PART TO PARDON.—*Francis Bacon.*

Yesterday's health return shows one non-fatal case of paratyphoid fever (Portuguese).

An American resident at the Astor House has reported the theft of two seamer rugs valued at \$55.

We are asked to state that Professor Danenberg's pupils' pianoforte recital is postponed until further notice.

A Chinese was yesterday seriously injured in a fall from the roof of No. 1 Triangular Street. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. Zan Yamamoto, Vice-Consul of the Japanese Consulate-General in Hongkong, has been transferred to the Japanese Consulate-General at Calcutta, and will leave here for Calcutta on the 5th March by the s.s. "Tanda."

"In the Wrong," this evening's Kowloon Theatre attraction, finds Jack Pickford in his element, very much in his element, in the leading role. An excellent comedy-drama, "In the Wrong" bears the hall mark of quality—it is a First National picture.

A sensational film, "The Right to Happiness," is now being screened at the Hongkong Theatre. It is an eight-part picture and contains many emotional and thrilling moments. To-morrow J. Stuart Blackton presents "Wild Youth," in five parts. This film will continue to be shown until Tuesday. There is also a two-part comedy entitled "Up the Hill." At the 1.15 performance a new serial, "The Woman in the Well," in fifteen episodes, will be screened.

KEEP SMILING.

Where to Forget Your Troubles.

Like a tonic in these days of strikes and rumours of strikes is the stimulating Larry Semon comedy, "The Stage Hand," now showing at the Coronet Theatre, a happy complement to The New York Idea, a witty satire from the Broadway stage. His latest comedy, "The Stage Hand," is certainly Larry Semon's masterpiece. Never once does the interest flag or the invention fail. One comical misadventure follows another so quickly that the delighted audience is kept in a shimmer of laughter. Sometimes the delicious event is awaited with gleeful anticipation, sometimes it happens with ludicrous unexpectedness. Always it is original—that is the secret of the Larry Semon comedy's invincible success. In "The Stage Hand" the droll comedian is abetted by a mischievous monkey.

FLASHES FROM THE STATES.

Looks as if the dogs of war were going to have their puppies drowned.—*Chicago Journal of Commerce.*

About all a reasonable pedestrian can hope for now is to be injured only slightly.—*Ohio State Journal.*

Countries would not be so anxious to enter war if it was operated on the pay-as-you-enter plan.—*Asheville Times.*

Much of Lloyd George's success is due to his wisdom in living in an age when there is nobody to take his place.—*New York Evening Telegram.*

Privacy is the one cheapest thing to-day. Put one nickel in the telephone-booth slot and you're cut off from the world.—*New York American.*

The reason nations can't decide concerning their duty to Russia is because she is too rich to neglect and too big to spank.—*Manchester News.*

Dogs of war feed on bones of contention.—*Greenville Piedmont.*

Lenin and Trotsky are Russia's Gold Frick Twins.—*Asheville Times.*

The concert of nations will be improved by addition of the Irish harp.—*Greenville Piedmont.*

FOOTBALL.

To-morrow's Programme.

(BY "QUIZ")
The matches for to-morrow are as follow—

SHIELD SEMI-FINAL.
Hongkong Club v. H. M. S. Tamar. Club ground, 4.30 p.m.

LEAGUE: DIVISION I.
Kick-off 3 p.m.

South China v. R. G. A.—South China ground.

Kowloon v. H. M. S. Ambrose. Kowloon F. C. ground, Happy Valley.

LEAGUE: DIVISION II.
Kick-off 3.40 p.m.

United A. C. v. Kowloon Reserves.—United ground, Happy Valley.

St. Joseph's v. University.—St. Joseph's ground.

King's Reserves v. South China "A."—Sookunpoo ground.

Secretaries of Clubs are reminded that the games are put back fifteen minutes this week.

The shield semi-final on the Club ground should attract a large gate and a good match should be seen. The Club enters the semi-final having had the luck of the draw and meeting the Carlisle and St. Joseph's in the earlier rounds. The Tamar's first opponents in the Competition were the Alacrity who went down by 3 goals to 1, after being the first to score. The Tamar enters the semi-final through winning against the United in the replay on Wednesday last; after playing a drawn game on February 18th. of two goals all.

The sailors must improve on their recent form if they expect to win to-morrow. These teams met on December 3rd. in a League match when the sailors won by two goals to nil. The Club will probably take the field to-morrow without J. Rodger, their Captain, who is still limping as the result of an injury received four weeks ago. The Club forwards will find the sailors' backs very weak, yet with Mitch in form it will be no easy matter for them to score.

The R. G. A. are due to visit South China ground to-morrow but there is a rumour that owing to strike duty the Military team will be unable to field a side.

Should the game be played, a draw would not come as a surprise. South China won the last game between these teams on the Sookunpoo ground by 3 goals to nil. South China will start favourites to-morrow, but they will find that the soldiers have greatly improved since their last meeting and that the Military team will make them go all the way. A win for South China will put them at the head of the League table, as the Tamar is engaged this week in the Shield Competition.

Kowloon receive the Ambrose this week and a fast game should end in a win for the home team. Last week Kowloon could not field a side owing to the strike so it is still doubtful whether they will be out this week.

Should the Police be available this week, they could pull up their back fixture with the King's, postponed from February 18th. the Sookunpoo ground being vacant at 4.30 to-morrow.

In the Junior Division, the United are at home to Kowloon Reserves. With the assistance of four University players they did well in the Shield Competition and were unlucky to lose after having the better of the game for fifty minutes in the replay on Wednesday last. The Tamar won by their forceful methods.

A good game should be seen on St. Joseph's ground with the University winning.

At Sookunpoo, the King's Reserves and South China "A" play their return match and the soldiers should win and strengthen their position at the head of the league. South China "B" will not be out this week, their match with Kowloon Reserves having been postponed.

A meeting of the Hongkong Football Association will be held at Victoria Barracks on Tuesday next at 5.30 p.m. All clubs should be represented.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.
The Division I League table to date is as follows:—

Club.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.
Tamar	15	9	3	26	11
S. C. A.	13	8	1	17	6
H. K. Club	14	6	3	18	7
Carlisle	15	8	4	18	12
R. G. A.	16	8	7	24	17
The King's	14	5	7	12	20
Calro	12	3	5	7	9
H. K. Police	10	3	5	11	19
Kowloon	14	5	9	10	28
Titan	11	3	6	9	24
Ambrose	14	2	10	2	16
2 points added.	2	2	2	2	2
deducted.	1	1	1	1	1
Played for 4 points	25	22			

COMPANY MEETINGS.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co. Ltd.

The thirty-eighth ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd., was convened at the offices of the General Managers (Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co.) at St. George's Building at 11 o'clock this morning. Mr. Robert Shewan presided and there were present the members of the Consulting Committee (Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Messrs. H. P. White and P. A. Cox) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. W. Adamson, M. S. Northcote, F. Ellis, H. Taylor, J. Toppin, Poon I-chu, A. A. Cordeiro, W. J. Cordeiro and the Secretary, Mr. F. J. Tavaras.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting the Chairman said:—Gentlemen:—The accounts for 1921 now before you, which have been in your hands for some time past, show a slight improvement as regards sales of rope, the demand for which was very much the same as in the previous year, a little better perhaps, but this was offset by the increased competition of lower grades in the market. As for the coming year exchange seems to be falling and that is a good factor in our favour. But our earnings for the year under review have been increased by a large profit on the sale of some of our securities. We are as you know contemplating utilising a spare portion of the factory site, at present lying idle, by building Chinese dwelling houses and so increasing our revenue. We estimate that to do this we require some \$130,000, and to obtain this money we sold out half our holding of Green Island Cement Co's shares which realised \$127,243.70 and left a hand-some profit which has gone to the credit of Profit and Loss Account. This has brought up the balance at credit of Profit and Loss to \$235,321.44 which plus \$9,949.93 brought forward and less \$50,000 for interim Dividend leaves \$295,271.37 for division. We recommend that this amount should be allocated as follows:—

To Place to Reserve Fund... \$ 5,000.00

To Equalisation of Dividend Account... \$ 56,000.00

To Bonus to Staff... \$ 4,084.63

To Bonus to Mr. C. Klink on retirement... \$ 15,000.00

To Pay a Final Dividend of \$1-per Share... \$ 60,000.00

To Pay a Bonus of \$1-per Share... \$ 60,000.00

and carry forward... \$ 11,186.74

\$295,271.37

As I said last year we do not need a large Reserve Fund and think it wiser to lay by for a rainy day by building up the Equalisation of Dividend Account. The bonus to staff comes to about 10% on their salaries and I do not think will be grudged by you. Mr. Klink has had the management of the factory in his hands for some 35 years and is now retiring after this long and faithful service. The Company owes him much, much more than what the bonus we now suggest represents, and we cannot too strongly recommend this recognition of his work and the conscientious attention he has always devoted to your interests. You will notice that we have \$250,000.00 on fixed deposit besides our working capital and some shareholders may therefore feel that we might have paid a larger bonus but the reason we do not recommend this is that, after paying the dividend and bonus proposed, and providing for the other allocations including the transfer to Equalisation of Dividend Account, there will only remain some \$65,000.00 available for our building operations which as I have said will require about double that amount before they are finished. The alterations in our Memorandum of Association which were passed and confirmed at Extraordinary Meetings held on 5th and 21st. December last have now been approved by the Court so we shall proceed at once with the settlement of tenders for the construction of the Chinese houses I have already referred to.

Teams.

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club in their Shield match against "Tamar" on Saturday, 4th. inst., on Club ground at 4.15 p.m.—G. Rodger, W. Gerrard, J. MacPhail (Capt.), J. Weyman, A. Main, J. Stewart, E. MacTavish, A. Forsyth, S. Begg, W. Kulr and E. Ensland.

I now propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed and that the profits be divided as proposed and after that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer questions from shareholders.

Seconded by Mr. P. A. Cox, the motion was carried.

It was proposed by Mr. M. S. Northcote and seconded by Mr. H. A. Taylor, that Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Messrs. P. A. Cox and H. P. White be re-elected to the Consulting Committee. Carried.

Mr. F. Ellis proposed and Mr. A. A. Cordeiro seconded the re-appointment of Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Mr. H. Percy Smith as Auditors. The motion was carried unanimously.

This concluded the business. The Chairman thanked the shareholders for their attendance and announced that dividend warrants were now ready and could be obtained on application.

Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co.

An extraordinary general meeting of Humphreys' Estate and Finance Company, Limited, was held at the Hongkong Hotel at 11.30 o'clock this morning, there being present the Chairman (Mr. J. D. Humphreys), Rev. Fr. Robert, and Messrs. W. L. Patten and J. M. Alves (Directors), and the following shareholders:—Messrs. M. S. Northcote, W. Morley, F. M. Ellis, D. E. Clark, and F. W. Stapleton, and the Secretary, Mr. G. Kapp.

The notice convening the meeting having been read, the Chairman said that it was called to put into effect a certain suggestion put forward by Mr. Northcote at the last meeting, which suggestion the directors had unanimously approved. It was therefore up to the shareholders either to approve or reject it. Before putting the resolutions to the meeting, he would be glad to answer any questions they might care to ask.

There being no question, the following resolutions were then submitted:—

1. That Article 105 of this Company's Articles of Association be altered as follows:—

(a) By the insertion of "\$10,000" in the place of "\$8,000" in the fifth line thereof.

(b) By striking out in the ninth and tenth lines thereof the words "for each financial year of the Company" and inserting in place thereof the words "in every year wherein such profits shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of \$150,000, and a commission of ten per cent. per annum on all the net profits of the Company in excess of that sum."

2. That the above Resolution (No. 1) be retrospective and take effect from the 1st day of January 1922.

Mr. M. S. Northcote seconded the adoption of these resolutions, and the shareholders unanimously concurred.

It was announced that a further extraordinary meeting would be held on the 20th. day of March to confirm the resolutions passed at this meeting.

THE EINSTEIN THEORY.

An Astronomical Test.

Berkeley, U.S., Feb. 2.

Astronomical observations to test the validity of the Einstein theory of relativity are to be undertaken by an expedition which the University of California here is to send to Australia during the total eclipse of the sun on September 21, 1922.

Several astronomers from Lick Observatory, which is conducted by the University on Mount Hamilton, near San Jose, Cal., will make the trip. Dr. W. W. Campbell, director of the observatory, will head the party.

Professor R. J. Trumpler, assistant astronomer at the Observatory, will leave here on March 31 for Australia. Dr. Campbell and the other members of the expedition will sail on July 18. This, it is believed, will be the only American expedition sent to observe the eclipse.

The path of the eclipse will extend from Abyssinia over the Maldives Peninsula, Christmas Islands and over Northwestern Australia, along "Ninety Mile Beach." The California expedition will be located on the beach.

A British expedition, representing the Royal Society, the Royal Observatory and the Royal Astronomical Society, will leave early next month for the Christmas Islands to observe the eclipse.

As the weather on "Ninety Mile Beach" is expected to be clear in September, highly important scientific results are expected. Dr. Campbell said recently,

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Paris, March 1. The papers are commenting with the utmost satisfaction on the fact that the Lyons Railway Company's bonds issue on the London market was covered ten times over as heralding a lasting recovery of French exchange and a great stride towards restoring normal business conditions. British financiers and investors realizing the unexcelled soundness of French credit, notwithstanding occasional jolts in recovering the balance upset by the war.—Havas.

FRENCH AERIAL SERVICE.

Growing Popularity.

Paris, March 1. The French aerial navigation system is increasing steadily in scope and popularity. Over ten thousand passengers have availed themselves of the French aerial lines in 1921 against 1,700 in 1920.—Havas.

SHAH OF PERSIA'S STAY ON THE RIVIERA.

Paris, March 1. The Persian Shah has settled down on the French Riviera for a sojourn of considerable duration.—Havas.

AFGHAN MISSION IN PARIS.

Paris, March 1. The Afghan Mission has arrived in Paris.—Havas.

THE REPARATION QUESTION.

London, March 2. Sir Robert Horne, accompanied by experts, is to journey to Paris on the 8th inst. to discuss reparations with the French Minister of Finance.

FRENCH DEMAND ON GREECE.

London, March 2. The French Minister at Athens has informed M. Gounaris that France insists on the immediate restoration of the Espoir's cargo.

AFRICAN STRIKE ENDING.

Johannesburg, March 2. The Reef is much quieter. The number of strikers who have resumed is largely increased.

PEAK HOSPITAL TO CLOSE.

Not Paying Its Way.

The Peak Hospital is being run at a loss and the shareholders have decided to close down on Sept. 30th.

The Hospital was founded by Drs. Hartigan, Stedman and Rennie in 1900 and these gentlemen, who own the bulk of the shares, wish to withdraw their capital. Drs. Marriott and Harston hold a number of shares in the Hospital, but they do not wish to increase their financial interest. The remaining shares are held by the Custodian of Enemy Property (on behalf of Drs. Mullerard Just), the Banque de l'Indo-Chine and the Mission d'Etrangers.

The reason for closing down is that the expenses of keeping the building in repair are so great that it is quite impossible to carry on without financial loss. The building is quite inadequate for the purposes of a modern nursing home and in the opinion of the architects to render the building adequate for such a purpose and to put it in a thorough state of repair, rebuilding would be necessary.

Some time ago plans for a fine modern building in the shape of a Maltese Cross were drawn up by Messrs. Leigh and Orange. The community were approached through the Chamber of Commerce, with a view to rebuilding, but no support was given to the scheme. Under the present scale of fees, which cannot be increased, the Hospital is only just able to pay expenses, and this year the expenditure has exceeded the income.

There are various Government schemes for increasing the hospital accommodation in the Colony which will serve the interests of private practitioners, but such schemes will probably not mature for at least two or three years, and during the interval it will be difficult to find accommodation for the class of patients at present admitted to the Peak Hospital.

Although the Peak Hospital has only sixteen beds available for patients, there is no doubt that if the institution does close its doors many people will be greatly inconvenienced. All the beds have been occupied since Christmas and, on an average, some three hundred patients are treated every year. During the time the Hospital has been open it is estimated that between six and seven thousand patients have passed through the institution.

The building is in a bad state of repair and it is only by careful supervision by the architects, who inspect the building every six months, that the structure has been rendered safe during the typhoon season. As far as the staff and the general running arrangements of the Hospital are concerned, it is a splendid and valuable institution, but it is not a success financially and at a recent meeting of shareholders the following resolution was passed:

"That it is not advisable in the interests of the Company or of the shareholders that the Peak Hospital be continued and therefore the same be closed on and from the 30th day of September next. That such steps as may be deemed advisable shall be taken for the purpose of disposing of the furniture and effects contained in the Peak Hospital."

The Government has been informed of the shareholders' intention to close the institution and have the matter under consideration, but what is going to be done in the matter has not yet been decided.

TEETHING WITHOUT TEARS.

A NEW LIGHT ON BABY-REARING.

It is a recognized fact that babies—and in fact all children—need medicines of their own, and that most baby-medicines do more harm in the long run than good. Also great mistakes are often made in measuring doses for tiny patients. Baby's Own Tablets, the Canadian medicine for children of all ages, meet every difficulty. They are guaranteed to be absolutely harmless and free from opiates. They are so soft that they fall into powder at very slight pressure, forming an ideal dose for infants.

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DAIRY FARM NEWS.

REDUCTION IN PRICES.

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Further Notice Owing To the Strike.

GEN. TUAN CHI-JUI'S ESCAPE.

Disguised as a Monk.

We are indebted to an intimate friend of the former Premier, General Tuan Chi-jui, who does not wish to have his name mentioned, for the following version of the ex-Premier's escape from Peking, where he has been virtually a prisoner since the defeat of the Anfu party of which he was the leader, by General Wu Pei-fu last year states the N.C. Daily News.

The reason why General Tuan had refused to receive visitors since the arrival in Peking of Marshals Chang Tso-lin and Tso Kuan was because he did not wish to be involved in the political struggle. Another reason was because he had become deaf, as the result of excessive weeping at the memorial service of the late General Chiang Kuei-ti, who was a very close friend of his.

General Tuan, since his downfall, had been studying Buddhism, and on the day of his escape, which was Yen Shao Chieh (Feast of Lanterns), a number of monks came to his home. When these monks left at 8 o'clock in the evening, an extra monk following their leader was not noticed by the police guards who had been stationed at the former Premier's doors. This was General Tuan.

Leaving his home, General Tuan, who had shaved off his moustache, left for Tientsin in a third-class railway carriage.

FRUITLESS SEARCH IN TIENTSIN.

No intimation of his departure was received by the Metropolitan Police until 10.30 p.m., when the Chief of the Police Bureau, General Wang Hui-ching, learned of the matter personally and made inquiries. Telephone messages were sent to the Civil Governor of Chihli, General Tso Jui, asking him to prevent the former Premier from going to Tientsin. However, it was too late for the Civil Governor nor did he receive the message until 11 o'clock, after the train had arrived at Tientsin. Detectives were sent out by the Civil Governor, but no trace of Tuan was to be found.

A report was handed the Chief of Police the following day that General Tuan had left his home, accompanied by his son, Tuan Chun-liang, Li Sz-woo and a servant, but had not returned.

General Tuan is remaining in Tientsin for the present, states our informant.

It is also reported that General Tuan escaped from Peking in a motor-car, or that he left for Tientsin in a special car which

BIGGEST SHIP IN THE WORLD.

Wonders Of White Star Liner Homeric.

Part of the price Germany is paying for her lost war, the giant liner Homeric has reached Southampton after very satisfactory sea trials.

She now belongs to the White Star Line, which acquired her from the Reparations Committee. Homeric is the largest twin-screw steamer in the world, her tonnage being 35,000. She is to sail for New York on her maiden voyage.

Accommodation in this huge vessel is provided for:—

Passengers:—	
1st class.....	530
2nd class.....	500
3rd class.....	1,750
Crew.....	720

Total 3,500

The Homeric has had a most curious history.

She was launched in December 1913, and towards the end of July 1914 she lay at Dantzig under steam, ready for her maiden voyage. It was to be a sort of trial run, before the ship was placed on the Atlantic service. Many notables had been invited by the North German Lloyd to be its guests on the voyage.

They were on board, as were the passengers; the cargo had been shipped: good-byes had been said.

JULY 1914. AND CONSTERNATION.

Then a telegram came for the captain. There was half an hour of consternation; the guests and passengers disembarked, and the great ship turned and entered dock again. The cargo was put ashore, and the fires were damped down. It was the eve of the Great War.

The ship entered dock again and there she lay, bound fast with great steel ropes till a few weeks ago. After eight years her fires were lighted once more and she started on her maiden voyage to England.

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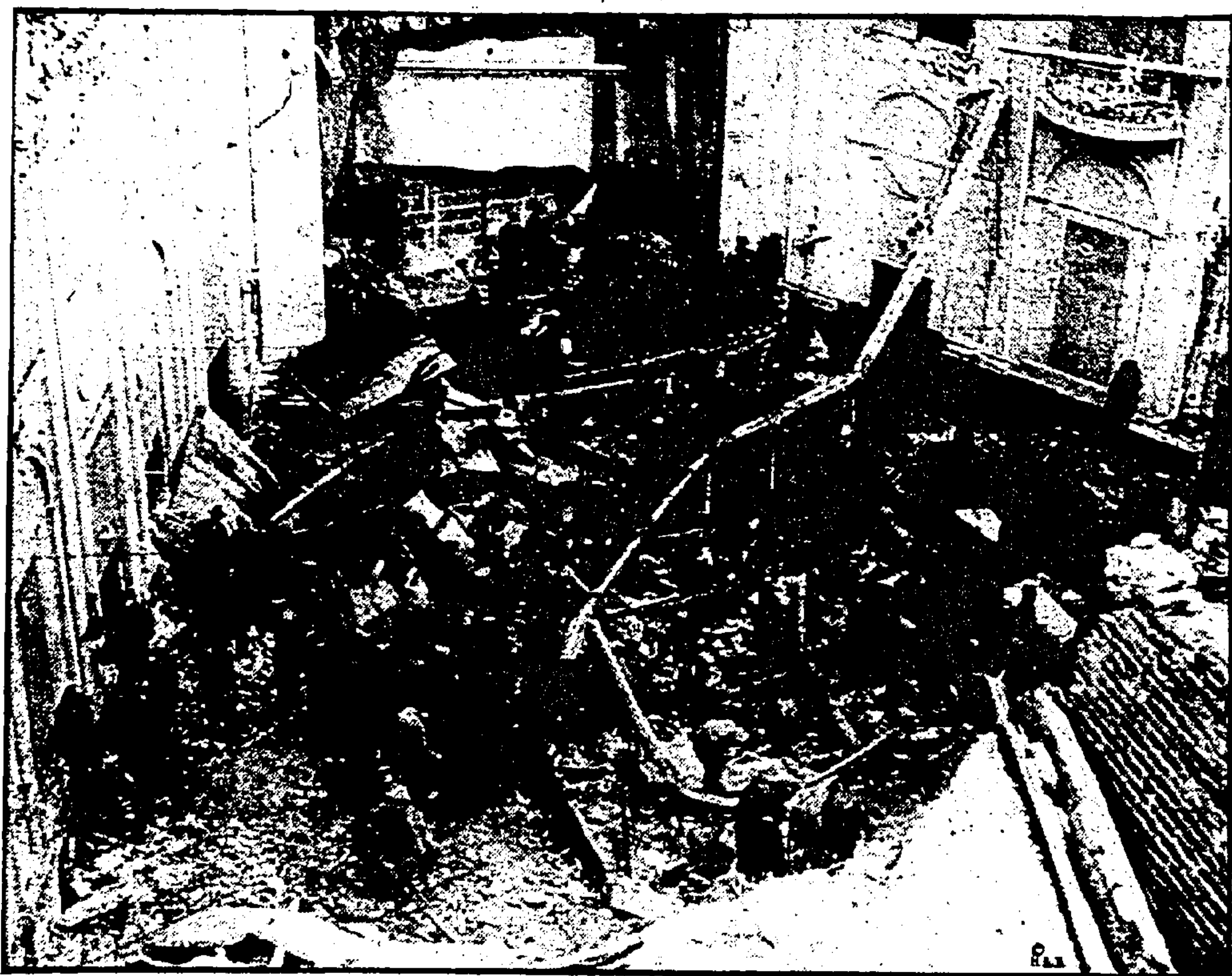
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Birdseye view of the interior of the Knickerbocker Theatre, Washington, after the collapse of the theatre roof which killed 114 and injured more than 252.



Searching the wreckage of the Knickerbocker Theatre, for dead and injured after the roof of the fashionable motion picture house collapsed. Firemen, soldiers and citizen volunteers are shown at work. Note the massive steel girders which supported the roof and the great blocks of concrete that fell when the girders gave way under the weight of snow.



Groups of soldiers removing two of the victims from the Knickerbocker theatre. Notice the depth of the snow which is thought to have been responsible for the collapse of the theatre roof.



Mr. Lloyd George is here seen cutting a cake sent to him by the Lloyd George Society of Seattle. His daughter, Mrs. Carey Evans, holds the plate for him as he plunges in for the first slice of it at No. 10 Downing Street.

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Cunard liner "Garmania" left Southampton for New York on what will be her last voyage in this service, states a London paper. On arrival at New York she will proceed on a cruise in the Mediterranean, after which she will resume her sailings between Liverpool and New York.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

MANILA MARKETS.
Messrs. Warner, Barnes & Co., Ltd., Manila, in their latest circular to hand state: Our hemp market, which opened quite steady, gradually quietened down throughout the fortnight, all buyers being nervous on account of heavy receipts. The sugar market locally advanced during the fortnight, in sympathy with higher prices ruling in New York and Java. A fair quantity of centrifugals changed hands on the basis of P.9.50 to P.10.00 per picul f. o. b. The recent unfavourable news from New York, has had a quietening effect, however, and buyers have reduced their prices. Moderate transactions have recently taken place. The weather has been very unfavourable for grinding operations for superior sugar Nos. 1 to 5 grades, and arrivals of this class of sugar continue to be extremely light. The copra market has ruled quiet throughout the fortnight, dealers resisting the decline, and being reluctant sellers at prices offered by mills and exporters. The coal market is unchanged. The rice market has ruled weak during the past fortnight and prices have declined owing to arrivals being in excess of requirements. At the close, there is a slightly better tone in the market, but we do not anticipate that the improvement will be maintained.

LAWS AFFECTING INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

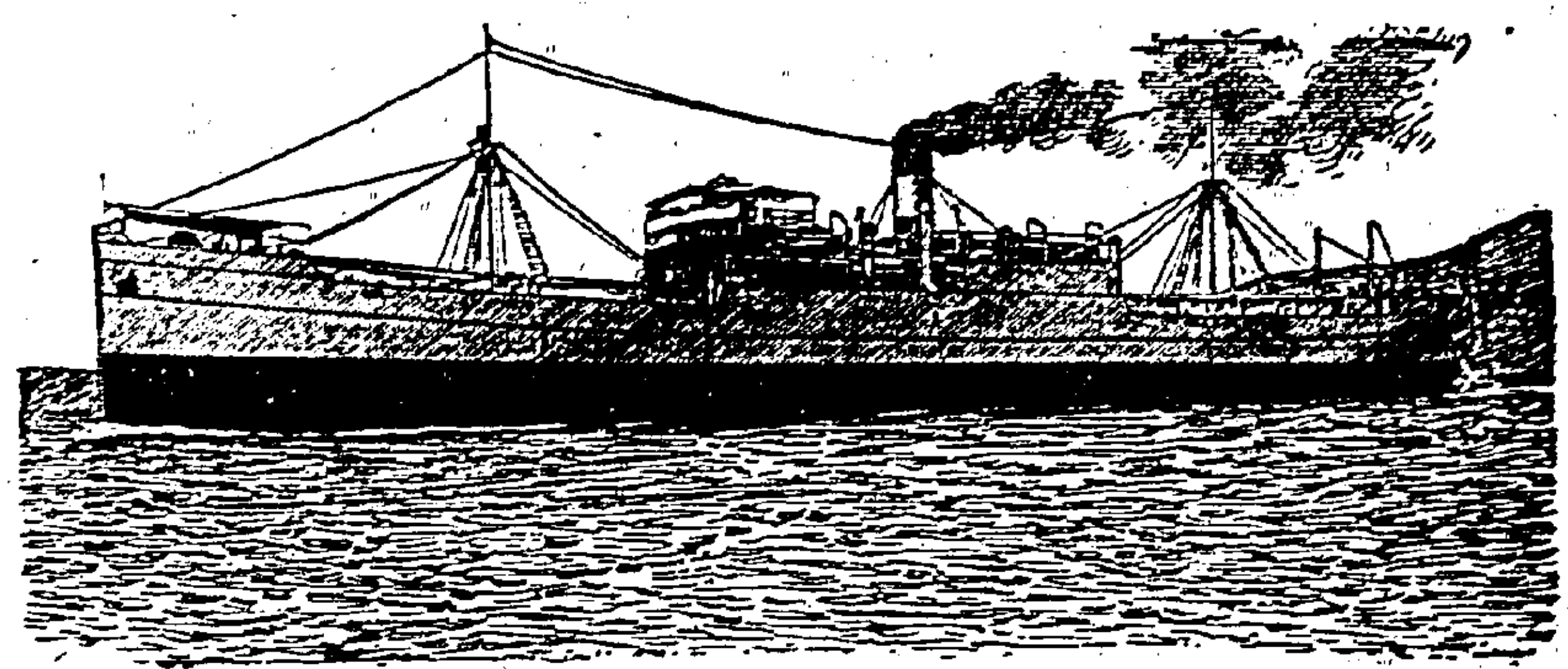
The standardisation by leading countries of laws and regulations regarding export trade has often been urged in these pages, and it is satisfactory to note that the United States Dept. of Commerce is taking the matter up. From this department Mr. A. J. Wolfe, Chief of the Division of Commercial Laws, writes that the lack of uniformity in the laws of the various countries which appear as factors in the international exchange of goods is felt as a serious drawback by merchants and jurists everywhere. Standardisation is naturally a work of slow growth; it is the inevitable effect of evolution in international merchandising. The time may never be reached, of course, when all countries will adopt commercial codes of substantially identical tenor. Local conditions, the weight of tradition, and radical divergence in the development of jurisprudence preclude this. But there is no reason apparent why international agreement should not establish a certain amount of uniformity in the treatment of various instruments of foreign commerce, such as bills of lading, in regulating bankruptcy practice, in arbitrating commercial disputes, in affording recognition to foreign judgments, in settling the difficult problem of double taxation, in standardising patent, trade-mark, and copyright laws, and in regulating the status of alien corporations. A limited degree of such standardisation has been attained by certain groups of countries, and the tendency is toward further progress along these lines. *China Express and Telegraph.*

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SHIPPING NEWS.

DEATH OF SEAMEN'S BENEFACTOR.

By the death of Sir Percival A. Nairne, the merchant seaman has lost one of his best friends, and one whom it will be difficult indeed to replace. Like his father before him, he was a member of the Committee of the old Drednought, the famous floating hospital for sailors. Later he was trustee, vice-chairman, and chairman of the new Drednought hospital—the Seamen's Hospital—at Greenwich. His able and unselfish services in this work were publicly recognized in 1915, when he was made a knight. Though he was in his eightieth year, he was unremitting in his efforts to advance the cause of the hospital and the welfare of sailors generally.

SHANGHAI WHARF CO.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Shanghai & Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd., held on February 14, it was decided that, after providing for the interim dividend of Tls. 3 per share, which absorbed Tls. 108,000, the shareholders should be recommended to apportion the balance of Tls. 582,797.09 at credit of profit and loss account on December 31, 1921, as follows:

To pay a final dividend of Tls. 10 per share	360,000.00
To ordinary repairs and renewals	60,000.00
To special repairs and renewals	50,000.00
To equalization of dividend account	50,000.00
To depreciation fund	50,000.00
To pay a bonus to staff at wharves	9,977.62
To carry forward	3,819.47

Tls. 582,797.09

SHIPBUILDING AT HOME.

The London correspondent of *Shipping and Engineering* writes: Shipbuilding is very slack in the yards of the United Kingdom, and interest during the past week has been centred in the year's returns. These were launched on the Clyde during the year 233 vessels of 511,000 tons, and 478,500 indicated horse-power, as compared with 330 vessels of 672,438 tons and 620,616 indicated horse-power last year. There were, therefore, 92 fewer vessels and a decrease of over 161,000 tons and 142,000 horse-power. Serious as this falling off in trade is, a comparison with 1913, which was the Clyde's record year in tonnage output, shows even better how far below its best the river has been working. In that year 370 vessels of 756,976 tons were launched, which exceeds this year's total by nearly a quarter of a million tons. The highest output on the river is that of Messrs. William Beardmore & Co., Dalmuir, who launched seven vessels of 60,179 tons and 17,716 indicated horse-power, while Messrs. Barclay, Curle & Co., Whiteinch, are second with six vessels of 52,648 and 69,432 h.p. Owing to the poor demand for cargo steamers, Messrs. Lithgow's, Ltd., who headed the Clyde list for many years, are fourth this year, being exceeded by three liner firms, the two mentioned and also Messrs. John Brown & Co., Clydebank, who launched three vessels of 44,920 tons and 4,090 h.p. The largest vessel launched was the Union-Castle liner Windsor Castle, of nine ocean-going motorships, for which machinery was or is being constructed on the Clyde. In marine engineering, Messrs. Beardmore also take first place, their output being 52,135 indicated horse-power, while Messrs. Kincaid & Co., of Greenock, are second and Messrs. Denny Brothers of Dumbarton, third. Not one naval vessel was launched on the river during the year.

USING THE LEAGUE

After considering Lord Grey's declaration of policy at Bristol, the Committee of the League of Nations Union passed the following resolutions: (a) In view of the proposal of the Supreme Council to summon an Economic Conference in Geneva, this Committee wishes to express its convinced opinion that it is for the Council of the League of Nations to convene and arrange for the holding of any such Conference. (b) That the future peace of Europe and the safety of France would be better secured by maintaining, supporting, strengthening, and developing the existing League of Nations rather than by forming new alliances or limited groups of States. It is held by the Committee that the reconstruction of the League of Nations, and the holding of the Supreme Council in Geneva for that machinery.

